

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**POLYMER BLENDS CONTAINING POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES AND COMPOSITIONS WITH GOOD RETENTION OF ELONGATION**," the Specification of which was filed on **October 27, 1998** as Application Serial No. **09/179,780**.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, United States provisional application(s), or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, United States provisional application, or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIORITY APPLICATION(S)			Priority Claimed
<b>60/063,852</b>	<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>October 31, 1997</b>	<b>Yes</b>
(Number)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	Yes/No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **NONE**.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to **MONSANTO COMPANY** referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Pursuant to MPEP § 324(2), the undersigned avers that he is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of assignee.

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Date: January 21, 1999

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